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00-75099 (E)

The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m.

Agenda item 172: Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly (*continued*) (A/C.6/55/L.14)

1. **The Chairman** suggested that the final clause of draft decision A/C.6/55/L.14, beginning with the words "and to include" and ending with the words "in the General Assembly", should be deleted.

2. *It was so decided.*

Agenda item 184: Observer status for the Economic Community of Central African States in the General Assembly (A/C.6/55/3, A/55/237 and Add.1 and A/C.6/55/L.20)

3. **The Chairman** said that Côte d'Ivoire and Sao Tome and Principe had joined the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.20.

4. **Mr. Esono Nsue Nchama** (Equatorial Guinea), introducing the draft resolution, said that, Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, France, Guinea, Italy, Mauritania, and the Republic of the Congo had joined the list of sponsors.

5. His delegation expressed its satisfaction at the adoption by the General Assembly of resolution 55/22 concerning cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS).

6. His statement reflected the political will of the Heads of State and Government of ECCAS, as expressed at their summit held in Libreville on 23 June, and reaffirmed by the people's representatives at the Central African high-level parliamentary conference held from 1 to 3 November in Luanda.

7. Observer status was of singular importance to ECCAS. It would enable it to promote and maintain various initiatives for subregional integration and to strengthen its structures and programmes.

8. In that context, the Heads of State and Government of ECCAS had decided in June 1999 to include within the organization the Council for Peace and Security in Central Africa. In addition, the Heads of State and Government of the subregion had decided to establish an early-warning mechanism, a subregional parliament and a subregional centre for human rights and democracy, all of which operated under the auspices of ECCAS.

9. The issues currently being discussed in the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa would become part of the new framework for direct cooperation between the United Nations and ECCAS. His delegation expressed appreciation for the valuable contribution made by that Committee in restoring trust among the States members of the Community.

10. After drawing attention to the draft resolution's two paragraphs, he expressed the hope that it could be adopted by consensus.

11. **Mr. Moussotsi** (Gabon) said that his delegation firmly supported the draft resolution and the introductory statement made by the representative of Gabon on behalf of the States members of the Community. His delegation wished to stress the importance of the relationship between the United Nations and ECCAS in view of the role played by both organizations in promoting development and peace. Granting observer status for the Community in the General Assembly would strengthen that relationship and enable ECCAS to benefit from the direct assistance of the United Nations. The goals of ECCAS were in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations. He was confident that Member States would support the draft resolution.

12. **Ms. Álvarez Nuñez** (Cuba) said that her delegation wished to join the list of sponsors of the draft resolution and hoped that it would promote cooperation between the United Nations and international non-governmental organizations supporting the principles of the Charter.

13. **Mr. Barthélemy** (France) said that ECCAS promoted regional integration in Africa, which was one of the keys to development and stability on the continent.

14. With regard to the criteria for the granting of observer status, laid down in General Assembly decision 49/426, ECCAS was an intergovernmental organization whose membership consisted solely of States. It had been established by treaty in 1983 and currently had 11 member States. The Community's activities were indisputably of interest to the United Nations. Those activities had expanded since its

inception; initially they had been focused on economic objectives, but since the beginning of the year, the Community had adopted more political objectives, such as peacekeeping in the region, human rights and democracy. Furthermore, like the Economic Community of West African States, it had established a peacekeeping body. The extension of its activities to peacekeeping implied a closer relationship with the General Assembly. In view of the foregoing, his delegation supported the granting of observer status.

The meeting rose at 4.20 p.m.

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The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m.

Agenda item 172: Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly (*continued*) (A/C.6/55/L.14)

1. **The Chairman** drew attention to draft decision A/C.6/55/L.14, as orally amended at the 32nd meeting.

2. *Draft decision A/C.6/55/L.14, as orally amended, was adopted.*

3. **Ms. Eklund** (Sweden), speaking on behalf of the States members of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, expressed appreciation to the members of the Committee for their frankness and cooperation. It was her understanding that some delegations needed more time to study the status and work of the Institute; her delegation would continue to engage with any delegations that had expressed concern, in the hope that the Committee would be in a position to recommend the granting of observer status to the Institute at the current session.

Agenda item 184: Observer status for the Economic Community of Central African States in the General Assembly (*continued*) (A/C.6/55/L.20)

4. **The Chairman** drew attention to draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.20

5. *Draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.20 was adopted.*

Agenda item 163: Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (*continued*) (A/C.6/55/L.7 and A/C.6/55/L.3/Rev.1)

Draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.7

6. **Mr. Gomaa** (Egypt), introducing the draft resolution, said it was established practice in the Committee that draft resolutions on the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization and on the provisions of the Charter related to the effects of sanctions on third States should be considered together. Owing to the extensive consultations that had taken place on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.3, the introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.7 had been postponed for two weeks, allowing delegations ample time to study the text. After reading out minor drafting changes, he said that at the end of the eighth preambular paragraph, after "the Court,", the following should be added: "taking into consideration, in particular, the needs resulting from its increased workload,". It was his understanding that there was a consensus on that wording.

7. **The Chairman** said that with regard to paragraph 3 (b) of draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.7, it was his understanding that the Special Committee was thereby requested to continue to consider on a priority basis the question of the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions under Chapter VII of the Charter, taking into consideration, inter alia, all the proposals submitted during the debate on the subject which had been held in the Sixth Committee at the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, including those reflected in document A/C.6/55/L.4 presented by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

8. *Draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.7, as orally revised, was adopted.*

9. **Ms. Gnecco** (Colombia) said that her delegation would have wished the draft resolution to include in paragraph 4 a clearer reference to paragraph 33 of the Secretary-General's report (A/55/340) on reducing the backlog in the publication of the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*. Subparagraph (d) noted that the activities involved had been included as a separate item in the programme budget. Her delegation expressed appreciation for the Secretary-General's initiative and hoped that the activities would continue, as they were of great importance to all delegations.

Draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.3/Rev.1

10. **Mr. Ekedede** (Nigeria), introducing the draft resolution, said that it was a revised text of the original draft resolution sponsored at the current session by Bulgaria, the Russian Federation and Ukraine. Very few changes had been made to the previous year's version. The text before the members of the Committee should be regarded as the Bureau's text; it was the outcome of consultations and should also be regarded as a compromise text. The sponsors recommended it for adoption by consensus.

11. *Draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.3/Rev.1 was adopted.*

12. **Mr. Szenasi** (Hungary) said that his delegation had joined the consensus on the draft resolution since the text represented the only compromise that could be found.

13. It was, however, concerned about future progress on the agenda item, since the draft resolution did not eliminate two main obstacles that had hampered the Committee's work in the previous year. First, there was no clear indication as to when the report of the Secretary-General would be presented. In fact, new additions to paragraph 5 made it even harder for the Secretary-General to submit his report in a timely fashion. That, in turn, could jeopardize the plan to move forward with a detailed discussion on the report of the expert group during the next meeting of the Charter Committee.

14. The second obstacle was the situation concerning the possible establishment of a working group. The draft repeated the same compromise that had led nowhere in the previous year. More could have been accomplished had the Committee concentrated on those two issues. Regrettably, most of the time allocated to the draft resolution had been devoted to issues unrelated to Article 50 of the Charter.

15. His delegation hoped that, sooner rather than later, the political will to start substantive negotiations on the issue would emerge. It was ready to participate in a substantive debate.

16. **Mr. Panevkin** (Russian Federation) expressed appreciation to all delegations and to the coordinator, who had made great efforts to achieve a difficult compromise.

Agenda item 164: Measures to eliminate international terrorism (*continued*) (A/C.6/55/L.17)

17. **Mr. Vamos-Goldman** (Canada), speaking as coordinator for the draft resolution, said that consultations were continuing.

The meeting rose at 4.30 p.m.

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The meeting was called to order at 11.15 a.m.

Agenda item 164: Measures to eliminate international terrorism (*continued*) (A/C.6/55/L.17)

1. **The Chairman** said that further time was needed for informal consultations before action was taken on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.17.

The meeting was suspended at 11.20 a.m. and resumed at 12.35 p.m.

2. **The Chairman** said that informal consultations on the agenda item under consideration would continue.

The meeting rose at 12.40 p.m.